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CONSTRUCTION OF GREENFIELD AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to build some Greenfield airports;

(b) if so, whether private sector participation has been invited for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of the places selected for the construction of such airports;

(d) the views of the Ministry of Environment and Forests thereon; and

(e) the status of the above proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b)and (c): The Central Government has accorded `in principle` approval for setting up of Greenfield Airports through Public Private Partnership (PPP) at Navi Mumbai, Sindhudurg(Maharashtra); Mopa (Goa); Bijapur, Simoga, Hassan, Gulbarga (Karnataka); and Kannur (Kerala). In addition to the above, `in principle` approval has been given for setting up of greenfield airports by Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Pakyong (Sikkim); Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) and Chetu (Nagaland).

(d) Clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests is taken prior to construction of Greenfield airports by the respective project authorities.

(e): In the case of PPP projects the process of selection of private entities is in progress. The projects to be implemented by AAI is at planning stage.